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In re Application of

Group Art Unit 1644

LOUIS D. FALO, et al.

Examiner: F. VanderVegt, Ph.D.

Serial No. 09/282,679

Attorney Docket No. 214001-00703

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Entitled:

IN VITRO INDUCTION OF ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T-CELLS USING DENDRITIC CELL-TUMOR CELL OR DENDRITIC CELL-VIRAL CELL DERIVED IMMUNOGENS

RESPONSE

November 16, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated on July 5, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is enclosed bringing the time for response up to December 5, 2000. The Office Action has been reviewed, and the following response offered in an effort to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following remarks is courteously requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Moser et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Moser is cited as allegedly teaching the fusion of murine dendriticlike cells with murine mastocytoma cells, and the fusion of human dendritic-like cells with human osteosarcoma cells. Moser is also cited as allegedly teaching the